

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION - SOLE INVENTOR**

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **DETECTION OF ASYMPTOMATIC CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE USING ATHEROGENIC PROTEINS AND ACUTE PHASE REACTANTS**, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me that is material to examination of this application and/or to patentability in accordance with 37 Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 United States Code §§119 and 365 of any foreign application(s) for the patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Applications: NONE

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